



BADMINTON AUSTRALIA INC.

NOMINATION & SELECTION CRITERIA

2010 Youth Olympic Games

1. QUALIFICATION

(a) Eligibility

In order to be eligible to participate in the 2010 Youth Olympic Games, athletes must:

- (1) meet the performance standards prescribed by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Qualification System;
- (2) be born between 1 January 1992 and 31 December 1993.
- (3) meet and continue to observe the eligibility requirements for Australian competitors described in the Olympic Charter;
- (4) be in good standing with a Badminton Australia affiliated member

(b) BWF Qualification System

The players satisfying the age criteria shall qualify through their particular Continental Junior Championships (CJC) 2010 ranking list, for Australian athletes; this is the 2010 Oceania Junior Championships in Invercargill from February 24-27, 2010.

Players can qualify in Men's Singles or Women's Singles by securing a place in the top **two** in either Africa, Oceania or Pan-America; or top **five** in either Asia or Europe (16 in total), unless a total of two players from any one NOC would thereby be exceeded in that event.

Consequently, a ranking list has to be established in each continent by having play-offs in losers in earlier rounds until the desired numbers of players are identified in the CJC ranking list. In other words, losing semi finalists play for 3rd place, losing quarterfinalists play for the rankings 5 – 8 and, if necessary, losing eighth-finalists play for rankings 9 – 16 in MS and WS of the CJC

Seven (7) places to qualify under the BWF system will be selected through World Junior Championships 2010 ranking list. Players ranked 1 to 7 in the World Junior Championships 2010 ranking list for each event will be considered in turn and will qualify unless a total of two athletes from any one NOC would thereby be exceeded in that event.

An NOC may have more than two athletes ranked 1 to 7 in the World Junior Championship 2010 ranking list for a particular event. In such a case, the NOC has the right to disregard ranking order when determining its entries and select from any of the players ranked 1 to 7 in filling its two qualification places for the respective event.

(c) IOC Quota Restrictions & Australian Team Size

The IOC has imposed a maximum limit per nation of 70 athletes from individual sports and a maximum of two teams (one male and one female) from among the four team sports of Football, Handball, Hockey and Volleyball. This has resulted in the AOC introducing an AOC athlete quota which may be less than the number of athletes that can qualify for Australia under the Qualification System of each sport. In so doing, athletes from all sports will have the opportunity to participate in the YOG but only a maximum of 70 athletes will compete out of a possible 121 qualifications across all individual sports and a maximum of two teams from a possible eight teams.

For the sport of Badminton, Australia may qualify 2 (two) athletes through the BWF Qualification System, however only one (1) male and one (1) female quota places, for a total maximum of two (2) athletes will be accepted by the AOC.

2. NOMINATION BY BADMINTON AUSTRALIA

In order to be nominated by Badminton Australia for selection to the 2010 Australian Youth Olympic Team, each Athlete must:

- (1) Participate in the 2010 Oceania Junior Championship in Invercargill, New Zealand from February 24-27, 2010.
- (2) Be the number one (1) ranked Australian male on the Continental Junior Championships 2010 ranking list or the number one (1) ranked Australian female on the Continental Junior Championships 2010 ranking list at the 2010 Oceania Junior Championships – or – Be in the top seven (7) on the World Junior Championships 2010 ranking list
- (3) In the event that Australia qualifies two (2) or more males or two (2) or more females through the BWF Qualification System, the athlete nominated to the AOC for the event that two or more players have qualified for will be at the sole discretion of the Badminton Australia Junior Selectors, using past national and international performances in events over the 12 months proceeding 1 July 2010. Junior Selector details can be found on the Badminton Australia website – www.badminton.org.au

Reserves

Any player who qualifies through Clause 2 (1), but is not nominated to the AOC by Badminton Australia, will be nominated as a reserve athlete in the event that additional quota places are allocated.

Timing

Badminton Australia will nominate athletes for selection to the AOC at such time as required by the AOC, but no later than 5pm on 1 July 2010.

3. SELECTION BY THE AOC

In order to be selected by the AOC as a member of the 2010 Australian Youth Olympic Team, each Athlete must:

- (1) have been nominated by Badminton Australia for selection by the AOC in accordance with Clause 2 of these Guidelines;
- (2) have signed (or if a minor, parent or guardian have signed) the 2010 Australian Youth Olympic Team Membership Agreement and agree to sign any entry form required by the IOC and the Organising Committee for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games;
- (3) have observed and continue to observe the provisions of the AOC's Constitution and its by-laws (as applicable) and must not have breached the AOC's Anti-Doping By-Laws, unless the athlete has already been sanctioned for the breach and has completed the sanction imposed. A copy of AOC By-Laws is available from olympics.com.au;
- (4) undergo medical assessment and testing (if requested) to the complete satisfaction of the AOC;
- (5) have disclosed information to the Athlete's NF or the AOC concerning any conduct that might breach the code of conduct required of Athletes selected to an Australian Youth Olympic Team under the 2010 Australian Youth Olympic Team Membership Agreement.
- (6) acknowledge that any matter arising under Clauses (1) – (5) above is to be determined, or breach thereof excused, by the AOC in its sole and absolute discretion.

If, in the opinion of the AOC, an Athlete fails to comply with one or more of the requirements in (1) – (6) above, that Athlete will be ineligible for selection by the AOC.

Badminton Australia will nominate athletes to the AOC for selection to the 2010 Australian Youth Olympic Team. The AOC has the sole and absolute discretion:

(1) to determine whether an Athlete (or team where applicable) has met the requirements of selection;

(2) to determine whether or not it should select the maximum number of Athletes (or teams where applicable) permitted by the Qualification System, notwithstanding the number of Athletes who may have met the requirements of selection and/or the Qualification System.

4. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

(1) It is an IOC requirement that Athletes attend the 2010 Youth Olympic Games for the entire period of the Games 14 – 26 August 2010 (inclusive).

(2) It is an IOC requirement that Athletes participate in the Culture and Education Sessions organised by the Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee during the Youth Olympic Games.

(3) Prior to the commencement of the Youth Olympic Games, all athletes will be required to attend a Pre-Games Training and Preparation Camp to be held at Sydney Olympic Park, Sydney. The AOC will organise travel for interstate and NSW regional based athletes. The Camp is scheduled to take place from 11-12 August 2010. Athletes are required to participate in this Camp unless written approval otherwise has been provided by the AOC.

5. NON-COMPLIANCE

If an Athlete breaches any of the requirements of the Nomination and Selection criteria, the AOC may suspend or terminate the Athlete's selection to the Team or otherwise impose a sanction prescribed by the disciplining procedures set out in the AOC YOG Team Membership Agreement.